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In its issue of November twenty, the "Saturday Evening Post" carries an article by journalist Donald Robinson entitled "They Fight the Cold War Under Cover," publicizing the spying and diversionist activity of the American "Central Intelligence Agency" against the Soviet Union and the countries of the new democracy.

"Although the CIA has been in existence but one year," the author writes, "it has already covered all of Europe, Africa, South America, and the Near and Middle East with a network of agents ... .

"The CIA has set up an apparatus of several thousand men. The agents in foreign countries are under strict orders to keep Washington informed on absolutely everything." Particular attention is devoted to (each?) individual factory, railway line, and so on.

Illustrating the "achievements" of the CIA, the author writes that once an Air Force general, wishing to check on the preparedness of the CIA, (asked how much aid the agency could provide if war with country ("X") were to break out the following day. Within a few minutes the agency had handed him material on several thousand industrial targets in that country.

Robinson also cites the following episode in the activity of the American Intelligence against countries of the new democracy: In June 1947 the American Military Mission in Warsaw was entrusted with the task of photographing the territory of Poland from the air. It was planned to use a plane of the Mission for the purpose, under the protection of ... privileges. Only the chance discovery by the Polish authorities (made it possible to thwart?) the plan.

Robinson then frankly admits that the agency buys information and that the expenditures of the agency run into tens of millions of dollars a year, although the exact figure is a tightly kept secret. At the present time, (CIA agents are working?) ... to obtain information on (certain foreign?) bombers (submarines?) and developments ... bacteriological ... . In this connection, Robinson complains of "the inability of the CIA to ascertain how far Russia has progressed in the manufacture of the atomic bomb."

At the present time, writes Robinson, the American authorities are paying special attention to raising the qualifications of the officers working in the Intelligence, particularly the training of military attaches. In view of competition among the various intelligence agencies, Forrestal recently appointed a three-man board to

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prepare a general survey of the work of the American Intelligence. Appointed to the Board were Allen Dulles, William H. Jackson, a New York lawyer and wartime Intelligence worker, and Mathias F. Correa, former United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

A considerable part of the article is devoted to defects in the work of the CIA, caused by competition with other Intelligence (agencies?) of the United States.

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